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WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY

PIERRE, S.D. – At the request of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, Gov. Dennis Daugaard has proclaimed Sunday, March 30, 2014, as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day," calling on all South Dakotans to gratefully acknowledge our Vietnam Veterans and honor their proud legacy.

"Forty-one years ago, the last American troops were withdrawn from Vietnam," said Gov. Daugaard. "If you have a Vietnam veteran in the family or happen to cross the path of someone who served in Vietnam, I hope you will take a moment to thank them for their sacrifices."

"Our soldiers served honorably and bravely in Vietnam," added Larry Zimmerman, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. "Unfortunately, they arrived home to a country in political turmoil, and never received the recognition they deserve. By setting March 30 aside as a day to focus on our Vietnam veterans, we can show our unified gratitude for their service and the sacrifices that these veterans made on our behalf."